

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION
INJURY LITIGATION

No. 12-md-2323 (AB)

MDL No. 2323

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

**Plaintiffs' Master administrative Long-
Form Complaint and (if applicable)**

EDWIN WEATHERSPON

**v. National Football League [et al.],
No. 2:12-cv-06671-AB**

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

**IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION**

INJURY LITIGATION

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff(s), EDWIN WEATHERSPOON, (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) _____, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.

2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed September 19, 2012.

3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4. [Fill in if applicable] Plaintiff is filling this case in a representative capacity as the _____ of _____, having been duly

appointed as the _____ by the _____
Court of _____. (Cross out sentence below if not applicable.)

Copies of the Letters of Administration/Letters Testamentary for a wrongful death claim are annexed hereto if such Letters are required for the commencement of such claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.

5. Plaintiff, EDWIN WEATHERSPOON, is a resident and citizen of TEXAS and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband/decedent.

6. {Fill in if applicable] Plaintiff's spouse, _____,
is a resident and citizen of _____, and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband/decedent.

7. On information and belief, the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers (or decedent suffered) from symptoms of brain injury caused by repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's (or decedent's) symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.

8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. If the case is remanded, it should be remanded to _____.

9. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:

- ☒ Injury to Herself/Himself
- ☐ Injury to the Person Represented
- ☐ Wrongful Death
- ☐ Survivorship Action
- ☒ Economic Loss
- ☒ Loss of Services
- ☐ Loss of Consortium

10. [Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband, _____, Plaintiff's Spouse, _____, suffers from a loss of consortium, including the following injuries:

- ☐ loss of marital services;
- ☐ loss of companionship, affection or society;
- ☐ loss or support; and
- ☐ monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to expend for the health care and personal care of her husband.

11. [Check if applicable] _____ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.

DEFENDANTS

12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:

- ☒ National Football League
- ☒ NFL Properties, LLC

____ Riddell, Inc.
____ All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.)
____ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.
____ Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.
____ Easton-Bell Sports, LLC
____ EB Sports Corporation
____ RBG Holdings Corporation

13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above, the claims asserted are: ____ design defect; ____ informational defect; ____ manufacturing defect.

14. [Check where applicable] ____ Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.

15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable] X the National Football League (“NFL”) and/or in [check if applicable] ____ American Football League (“AFL”) during for the following teams: WASHINGTON REDSKINS AND MIAMI DOLPHINS.

CAUSES OF ACTION

16. Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master administrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]:

X Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL))

- ☒ Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))
- ☐ Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))
- ☐ Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL))
- ☐ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count X (Negligence Post-1974 (Against the NFL))
- ☐ Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL))
- ☒ Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL))
- ☐ Count XIV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))
- ☐ Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against Riddell Defendants))
- ☐ Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants))
- ☐ Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants))
- ☒ Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL Defendants))

17. Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]:

SEE ATTACHEMENT "A" TO THIS COMPLAINT.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- F. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

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